



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! May 2022 bring you and your loved ones much joy and happiness. With every new year, comes new resolutions. My focus for 2022 is great customer service and open communication for

residents in our fantastic city. As the city continues to provide tremendous customer service, service problems are solved, and work moves forward.

Since I took office two years ago, I've implemented some new ways to communicate with residents and connect them with city staff. As you know, last year our city was named the third largest city in Utah. To keep up with our growing population, we've found additional ways to communicate. The upgrades in communication and customer service I have applied include:

- A new city website that is much easier to navigate and is mobile friendly
- A resident texting service which allows residents to text in a single word inquiry and receive a response.
- Added additional customer service staff.

These new resources are going to be particularly important as City Hall undergoes construction this year. While things may look a little different for a while, everything that was accessible before will still be accessible during the construction.

Of course, you may still email me at: mayor@westjordan.utah.gov or call my office at 801-569-5100 or make a personal visit appointment.

In this month's edition of the West Jordan Journal, you will find an article describing details of the renovation. We will continue to keep you informed of changes and updates. We look forward to making these much-needed upgrades to our City Hall to increase efficacies and reduce costs.

Sincerely,

Dirk Burton
Mayor Dirk Burton

West Jordan City Hall to Undergo Limited Remodel

Beginning in February, you may notice a shift in activity at West Jordan City Hall. The inside of the 30-year-old building is scheduled to undergo some needed renovations.

Built in 1992, when there were about 40,000 residents in West Jordan, City Hall was originally designed to serve a projected population of 75,000 residents. Today, we're the State's third largest city with more than 118,000 residents.

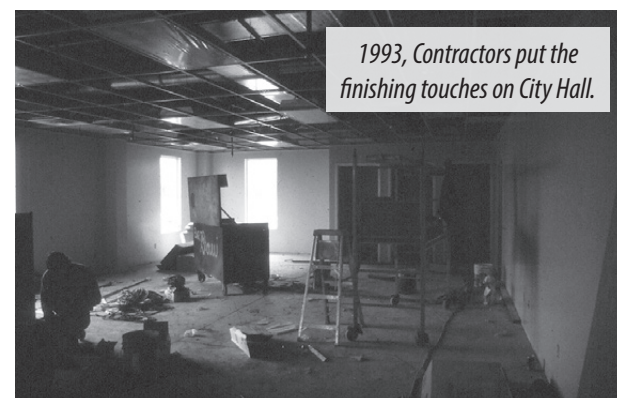
WHY RENOVATE NOW

City Hall has not seen significant upgrades since it opened 30 years ago. The building does not meet current building and safety code or accessibility standards.

In addition, the building's original uses have changed dramatically over time. The building was originally built to host the police department, court, and Salt Lake County District Attorney's offices. As service levels have expanded those operations have moved out, but the space has not been updated to account for current staffing needs. A remodel will save the city money in the future through greater flexibility in staffing, community space, and by generating energy efficiencies that are not currently available.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This remodel is expected to start in early 2022 and continue for more than a year. The finished interior will be more accessible for residents, provide additional space for after-hours activities, have a more practical layout for visitors to City Hall and staff, and be updated to all modern safety codes.



THE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS

Residents should not expect an interruption to city services or communication due to the remodel.

- Customer service and passports will remain open in the northwest corner of City Hall, with regular operating hours.
- Development services (building and safety, engineering, planning, and business licensing), as well as the Mayor and his office staff will be available at Public Works (7960 South 4000 West) and will maintain regular hours of operation.
- City Council and Planning Commission meetings will be held next door in the Thomas M. Rees Justice Center (8040 South Redwood Road), in the Police Department's community room. They will continue to operate on the regular meeting schedule.

WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM

During the pandemic residents in West Jordan stayed close to home, spending a large portion of their income locally, which resulted in a one-time increase in sales tax revenue. As resident habits return to normal, city leadership is looking for opportunities to use this one-time money to create ongoing efficiencies that will benefit the city for years. Designating some of these funds to the remodel of City Hall will benefit residents for generations.

The city will continue to keep residents informed on its social media accounts, through emails, the newsletter, and website – westjordan.utah.gov.

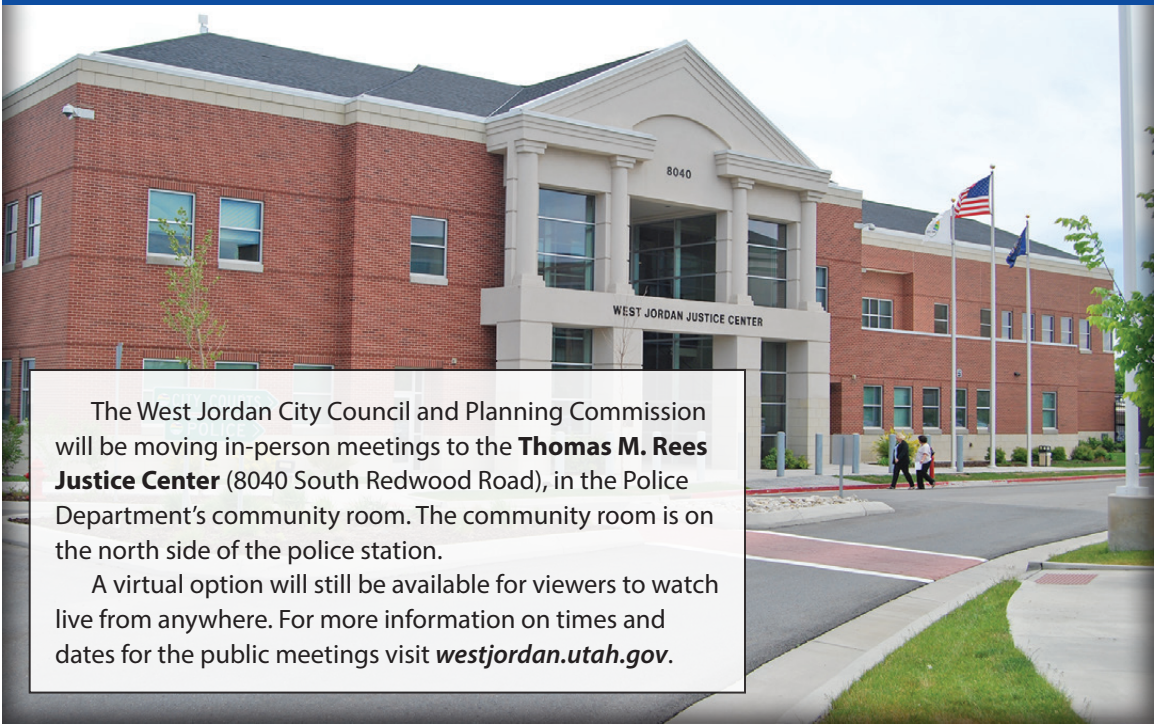


AT A GLANCE

- West Jordan City Hall, as it stands today, first appeared on the city's masterplan in 1974 and was originally designed in 1978.
- Construction on the building began in 1992. No significant upgrades have been made since the building opened.
- The city has nearly tripled in size over the last 30 years.
- Work on the building will begin in February 2022 and will be completed a little over a year later.
- Changes will be made to the interior, but there will be almost no change to the building's exterior.



Public Meeting Location Changes



The West Jordan City Council and Planning Commission will be moving in-person meetings to the **Thomas M. Rees Justice Center** (8040 South Redwood Road), in the Police Department’s community room. The community room is on the north side of the police station.

A virtual option will still be available for viewers to watch live from anywhere. For more information on times and dates for the public meetings visit westjordan.utah.gov.

City Snow Removal



City street crews are responsible for clearing more than 890 lane miles of streets in West Jordan. Its top priority is to make all roads passable for schools, hospital, and fire stations. After the main roads are clear, plows will work on residential streets.

PRIORITY CATEGORIES:

- Priority one – arterial and major collector streets.
- Priority two – subdivision collector streets.
- Priority three – all other residential through streets, (excluding cul-de-sacs)
- Priority four – Cul-de-sacs and other dead-end streets.

West Jordan’s Senior Meal Program

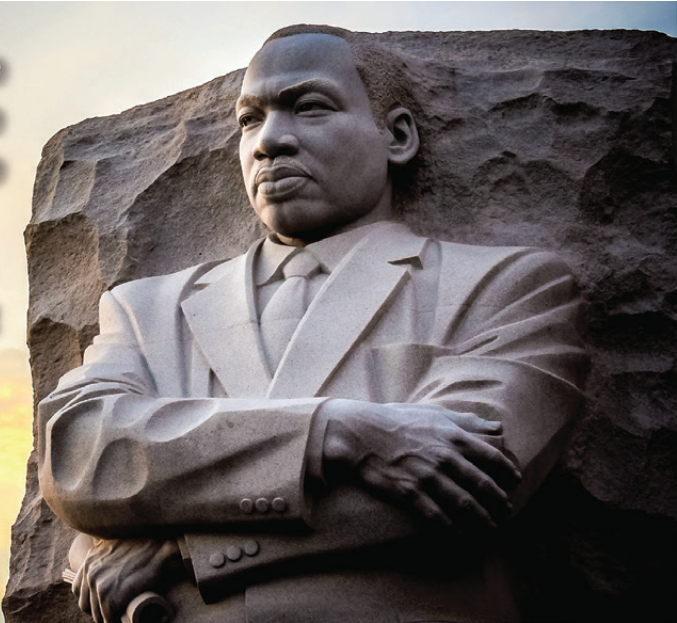
Did you know - the City’s Senior Meal Program has provided more than 1,800 lunches and over 2,000 dinners to local seniors?

The city has partnered with several local restaurants to meals to seniors.



I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.”

City buildings closed
Monday, January 17



Mark you calendars!

West Jordan
Blood Drive
February
14

Pioneer Hall 9 AM - 3 PM





File a Service Request online – 5 easy steps

What do potholes, loose pets, and graffiti all have in common? They are all problems that can be fixed by completing a service request online. Let the city know what's going on in just five steps:

Step 1: Go to <http://bit.ly/WJSERVICE> (case sensitive)

Step 2: Choose from the list until you find the request you would like to make

Step 3: Click 'Submit a report'

Step 4: Fill out the form

Step 5: Click "Report it"

You should receive a confirmation email following your submission. Someone from the city will be in contact with you throughout the process to ensure your request was completed.

If you are still experiencing issues, please call 801-569-5174.

COUNCIL CORNER

It's a brand-new year, which means that Council Members are setting goals both individually and together as the legislative body of our City. One of the Council's shared goals is to increase awareness of what actions the Council is taking during our meetings in real time. We hope to achieve this by live-tweeting our meetings.

Council Member Kelvin Green said, "We as a council know that West Jordan is filled with hard working people who look forward to spending time with their family and friends when they get home from their jobs. By live-tweeting our proceedings, we hope members of the public can tune into the parts of our work sessions and meetings that are most important to them."

In other news, a majority of the Council has selected the Justice Center Community Room as

our alternate meeting location to City Hall. We needed to select an alternate location, as there will be a point during the City Hall remodel when Council Chambers is inaccessible.

Council Member Zach Jacob said, "Among the available rooms we had to choose from for an alternative site for council meetings, we decided the Justice Center Community Room made the most sense. It's right next door to City Hall, so it won't be too much of an adjustment for staff or for residents. The temporary adjustment should be rather seamless."

The Council will remain in Council Chambers until construction makes it impossible to have meetings within City Hall. We will notify the public via social media and public notice when the transition occurs sometime in early 2022.

Christmas Tree Pick-up and Drop-off Program

Don't forget to take advantage of the city's Christmas tree pick-up and drop-off program. Starting December 25th through January 21st, residents can place their Christmas trees curbside on their trash collection day. Residents may also opt to drop off their tree at a designated drop-off location.

The three drop-off locations include:

- The parking lot at the County Pool/Gene Fulmer Rec Center located at 8125 S. 2200 W.
- The parking lot of Constitution Park located at the southeast corner of 3285 W. 7000 S.
- The south parking lot at the West Jordan Soccer Complex located on the west side of 4000 W. at about 8070 S.

Trees will be delivered to the Trans-Jordan Landfill to be composted. Please do not bag your trees, be sure that all your ornaments, tinsel, and other décor are removed. If your tree has been flocked (given a treatment to make it look like snow is on the branches) it will not be collected. This program is only for real trees, artificial trees will not be accepted. If you have any questions regarding this program, call: 801-569-5700.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

Recycle string lights at your local metal recycler!

Download our recycle guide at www.acedisposal.com



Call for Volunteers!

Interested? Email: events@westjordan.utah.gov
or Call: 801-569-5160





GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS: WEST JORDAN NEWSLETTER

PAID FOR BY THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY

3

OATH OF OFFICE

West Jordan City Hall
6 p.m.

JANUARY

4

PLANNING COMMISSION

West Jordan City Hall
& online: bit.ly/WestJordan
6 – 9 p.m.

JANUARY

12

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

West Jordan City Hall
& online: bit.ly/WestJordan
7 – 10:30 p.m.

JANUARY

17

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

JANUARY

18

PLANNING COMMISSION

West Jordan City Hall
& online: bit.ly/WestJordan
6 – 9 p.m.

JANUARY

21

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ENDS

JANUARY

26

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

West Jordan City Hall
& online: bit.ly/WestJordan
7 – 10:30 p.m.



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